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Another Baltimore plank that will be found shockingly "un-Democratic" and untenable is the one favoring a single term for President.

A federation of churches has been effected in Cincinnati, composed of fifty-two organizations including practically all the Protestant churches, the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army, and other religious bodies.

In Chicago, on a recent Sunday afternoon there were four women suffrage meetings held in as many theaters, for the purpose of demanding their political rights, and making themselves felt at the coming elections. Who will say the leaders in this woman's suffrage movement are not thorough politicians? And that on Sunday, too!

**LOS ANGELES HOLDS AUTO DEATH RECORD.**

According to death records compiled by the National Highway Protective Association, the City of Los Angeles has the highest rate of automobile fatalities in the world.

The rate there is 153 per million of population, Atlantic City, N. J., is second with 87; Utica is third with 70, and New York City is fourth with 64.—Engineering News.

**PORTSMOUTH BLADE TO BE WASHINGTON TEMPERANCE ORGAN.**

The Portsmouth Blade has disposed of its plant to the National Anti-Saloon League which is planning to issue a National daily at Washington, D. C. The Blade under the management of George F. Friel has been an up-to-date and newsworthy paper.—West Union Record.

Wonder if the immaculate Judge A. Z. Blair will be editor of the new organ?

**NO M. O. FOR JEFFERSON CITY.**

Municipal ownership of public utilities received a setback in Jefferson City, Mo., when the City Council, by a vote of 7 to 2, adopted a resolution that no further action be taken at this time on the proposition.

A committee of citizens has been working on the matter for several months and a bill carrying the proposition to issue \$150,000 bonds to establish a municipally-owned electric plant was introduced, calling for a special election.

**COMFORT FOR FARMHANDS.**

It is getting to be pretty hard matter to keep farm hands in some sections of Kentucky. A Garrard County man is trying a new plan. He is going to cultivate 200 acres of hemp this year and in order to make his farmhands contented he has fixed up a sort of a hotel on wheels. It is as large as a small house and contains a model kitchen and is fitted up with bunks, lockers, dressers, medicine chest, dining table and various other conveniences calculated to make the farmhand take pride in his "home." Now if he will put a motor to it and haul the boys into town to see a picture show two or three nights in every week it looks as if he ought to be able to raise a fine crop of hemp.—Frankfort State Journal

**MISLEADING COMPARATIVE MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.**

In discussing the advisability of municipal ownership for a community, much prominence is usually given to what is being done elsewhere, says the Sandusky, Ohio, Register. It is a common failing in towns both large and small and it is the most misleading thing that could be done. It is almost impossible for the person non-conversant with the operation of public utilities to make a fair comparison. In most cases it is impossible for even an expert to do so. Price of coal, tax rate, even the width of streets and house lots, original cost of the plant, interest rates, cost of water—all these and a thousand other items each have a bearing on rates and service.

Since Governor Cox has discovered that he is so very much like the late Abraham Lincoln, we are expecting any day for the Assessors of this grand old Commonwealth to file pension claims on the ground that they responded to Cox's call and rushed to the defense of their country at a great personal sacrifice and \$4 a day!—Wilmington Republican.

**THE COST OF SMOKE.**

For the benefit of any who may not see the analogy between a robbed coal pile and a smoking chimney, it may be briefly and simply explained. The visible part in smoke is nearly all carbon, either as soot or cinder, and carbon is the principal combustible part of coal, i. e., the useful part, the part capable of yielding heat. Carbon completely burned forms an invisible gas, carbon dioxide, therefore, whenever the gases from a stack show black they contain carbon, which indicates that complete combustion has not taken place in the boiler furnace. In other words, all of the available heat in the coal has not been realized. It is the same as though the corresponding part of the coal fed into the furnace had been thrown away, for, although it has passed through the furnace, it has been thrown away up the stack beyond recovery. Is this, then, so very different from robbing the coal pile?

The owner who, through ignorance, allows conditions to exist which are not favorable to the most economical operation of his boiler furnaces, although he is unwittingly robbing himself, is nevertheless stealing from his own coal pile.—Power.

**AN INCONGRUOUS SITUATION.**

On Saturday night the Salvation Army men and women of New York City did a wonderful thing, and the simplest thing in the world, too.

What was it? They invaded the bright light dance places on Broadway, where thousands were dancing as usual, and warned the tangoists to stop and think for a moment of the higher and finer things of life, and to think upon life as a serious proposition and upon living as a sacred thing.

This unexpected visitation startled the majority of the pleasure seekers, and many a querulous glance was shot from partner to partner.

Psalm singing and admonition were the last things the dancers expected to hear in their present precincts, and the thing was necessarily disconcerting. In one of the places, the most frequented of its class on Broadway, the Salvation men and women sang, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and the dancers stopped in awe. When it was over some one started hand clapping, and the hall soon resounded with applause.

What did it mean? Was the signal to halt ill timed? Was its giving audacious? Was it an unwarranted intrusion?

Answer for yourself. The Salvationists were given a respectful hearing at every place visited.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.



THE LAUGHING MATTER.

Har! Har! Har!

The laughing hyena, making a terribly angry face to show that it wouldn't laugh if it didn't have to, paced to and fro, to and fro, behind the bars of its cage.

Har! Har! Har!

To and fro, to and fro, always with the same peculiar gait; first a hop and two skips with its forefeet, then a skip and two hops with its back feet.

Steadily, for two hours, the tall youth and his winsome companion had stood outside the cage, watching, watching, watching, fascinated.

Har! Har! Har!

The hyena leered at them insultingly, yet never stopped for a second his strange, eerie, hop and two skips, two skips and a hop.

The man turned to the girl with a hopeless gesture. "It's beyond me," he sighed; "quite, quite beyond me."

The girl, evidently an advocate of the equality of sexes, returned him a gesture just as hopeless. "Me, too," she breathed. "I thought at first I had it; but no, it is beyond comprehension."

And, despairing of ever incorporating the laughing hyena's mysterious gait into a tango step, they sadly withdrew to the monkey house.—Louisville Times.

Margaret E. McNamara has been appointed chief matron of the Industrial School for Girls at Delaware, Ohio.

A silver medal has been awarded to Mrs. Cornelia Chadwick, of Newport, R. I., for her carrier-stretcher invention.

**ENLARGING THE SUEZ CANAL.**

(Engineering News.)

In order to make the Suez Canal of sufficient depth to carry the largest ships now afloat, work is now in progress toward deepening the canal to 40 feet throughout its length. When the canal was opened in 1869 the width was 72 feet and the depth about 26 feet 2 inches. The maximum permissible draft of ships using the canal in 1870 was 24.4 feet. In 1890 ships drawing 25.4 feet were allowed and during the succeeding 24 years the increase has been at the average rate of about one foot every six years, thus bringing the maximum draft authorized now up to 29 feet. In June, 1913, the depth of 32 feet 8 inches had been increased over a minimum width of 147 feet 6 inches for a length of about 85 miles and over a width of 328 feet for a length of 20 miles. Under the latest scheme a depth of 40 feet throughout is to be made and a widening up to 197 feet in the south section and the cutting of an appropriate number of sidings on the north and central sections where a minimum width of 147 feet 6 inches is believed to be sufficient. The company has power to raise bonds up to \$30,000,000 for this work, which it is expected will be completed by 1919.



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Miss Helen Caragioni, a Roumanian girl, declares that she will fly across the Atlantic Ocean during the present year.

**ORIGINAL IDEA BY BOY**

In a Debate Brought For His Side Victory.

The Sabina News Record, reporting a debate that occurred in the eighth grade of the schools in that town, tells about a clever thought by which a boy won the decision of the judges. The question was one of the old-fashioned lyceum kind in which the orators sought to establish the relative greatness of the two National heroes, Washington and Lincoln. To quote the News Record: "One said Lincoln had been recognized by having his profile stamped on the penny and the other side retailed that Washington had been honored by having his profile printed on the stamp, and it takes two pennies to purchase a stamp."